GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IN WATER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had sanctioned Rs. 487.42 crore in the budget for 2000-01 for water sector;

(b) if so, the amount utilised so far for the purpose; and

(c) the over-all performance in the water sector during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) The Budgetary Outlay for the financial year 2000-01 for the Ministry of Water Resources was Rs.705.52 crore.

(b) Against the approved outlay, the expenditure incurred by the Ministry of Water Resources during the financial year 2000-01 was Rs.602.04 crore. The actual utilisation at the end-points of grants/assistance given by the Ministry has to await completion of the prescribed gestation period of 18 months.

(c) As 'Water' is a State subject, the responsibility for planning, execution and funding for water resources projects primarily rests with the State Governments. However, the implementation of various central sector schemes by the Ministry of Water Resources during 2000-01 has yielded the following benefits:

(1) Hydrological observation at 907 Sites, with monitoring of Water quality at 319 sites; (2) 6443 flood forecasts issued during 2000-01 with 97.02% accuracy and flood forecasting network with neighbouring countries upgraded and modernized; (3) 1.90 lakh Sq. Km. covered under District Ground Water Development and Management studies by Central Ground Water Board; (4) drilling of 546 wells under scientific programme of ground water exploration completed; (5) monitoring of ground water level at 14930 stations; (6) completion of 81 water supply investigations for Defence, Public Health Engineering Divisions and Irrigations Departments; (7) completing construction of the National Water Academy at Pune; (8) studies on various aspects of river morphology and sedimentation through Remote Sensing Technique; (9) construction of Pagladia Dam Project in Assam started etc. In addition, under the Centrally Sponsored "Command Area Development Programme", Ministry of Water Resources provided grants to the State Governments, being 50% share of the total expenditure and thereby 115.14 th.ha. additional area brought under field drains, 382.85 th.ha additional area brought under field channels, 260.43 th. ha. covered under Warabandi and 13.83 th. ha covered under land leveling and shaping. Under the scheme " Artificial Recharge of Ground Water" funds had been released to Regional offices of Central Ground Water Board for execution of 43 recharge schemes by various implementing agencies including the State Governments on cost deposit basis, which are progressing satisfactorily. A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme, viz. "Critical Anti-Erosion Works in Ganga Basin States", was launched during the year and funds amounting to Rs. 20 crore were released to 3 States viz. U.P., Bihar and West Bengal to take up anti-erosion schemes of critical natural as identified by the State to prevent loss of land and public-utility-structures due to erosion of Ganga in these States.